neither wholly nor partially financed by the Central Government. As such the question of implementation of the recommendations of the Kartar Singh Committee in the case of the ESI hospital does not arise.

**Modernisation of Steel plants**

770. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
SHRI SANATAN BISI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to modernised public sector steel plants;

(b) if so, the steel plants brought under the modernisation programmes;

(c) in how many phases the Rourkela steel plant is being modernised and expanded; and

(d) the amount spent on the modernisation and expansion of Rourkela steel plants during last five years and also the amount proposed to be invested?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The public sector integrated steel plants brought under the modernisation programme are Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant and Bokaro Steel Plant of the Steel Authority of India Limited.

(c) The Rourkela Steel Plant is being modernised in two phase i.e. Phase-I and Phase-II.

(d) Government had approved in May 1992 the revised cost estimate of the Rourkela Steel Plant modernisation scheme at Rs. 3954 crores. The amount spent on the modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant during the last 5 years is as follows:

| Year | Amount (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 173.21 |
| 1992-93 | 350.88 |
| 1993-94 | 457.07 |
| 1994-95 | 870.63 |
| 1995-96 | 869.98 |

**Identification of Blocks in Gujarat and Maharashtra Under PM's Scheme**

771. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some blocks in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's scheme in backward/tribal areas for providing the consumer goods at subsidised rates;

(b) if so, the details of the blocks identified and number of items provided at subsidised rates, so far; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase the supply of levy sugar and other items to these States under PDS?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Revamped Public Distribution system (RPDC) cover 97 and 114 blocks in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra respectively. The Central Government issues foodgrains to these areas at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices (CIP) at the rate of Rs. 50/- per quintal lower than the CIPs for normal PDS areas. The States have been advised to add not more than 25 paise per Kg. over and above the CIPs while fixing the end retail prices. The Central Government also makes allocation of sugar, kerosene, imported edible oil and soft/CIL Coke to States/UTs for distribution in PDS/RPDS areas.

(c) Allocation of levy sugar to States/UTs was being made at the rate of 425